



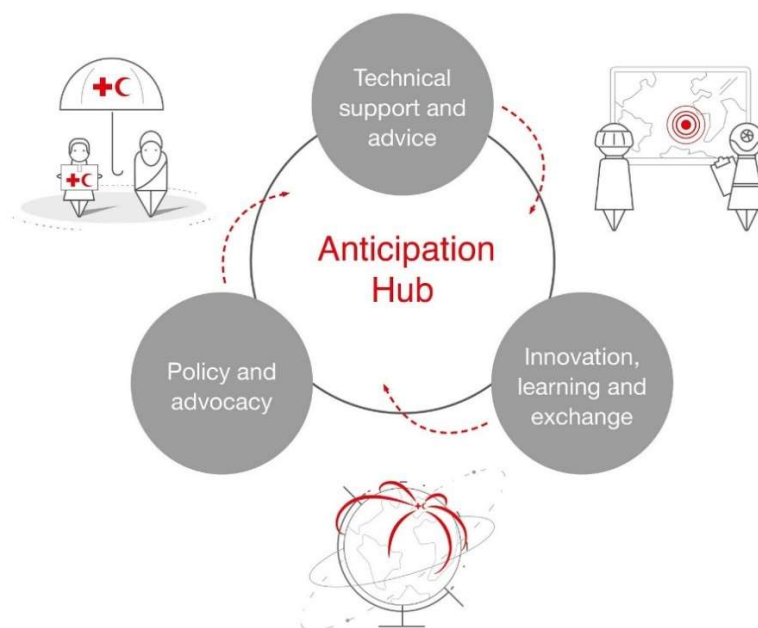
The new exchange platform for the anticipation community

Forecast-based Financing (FbF) and other anticipatory approaches have seen significant advances over the past years. In over 50 countries Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other actors have started to make use of forecasts and early actions to mitigate the impact of disasters. Yet, much more needs to be done to reduce human suffering, protect lives and livelihoods. A systemic shift is needed.

To anchor FbF and other anticipatory approaches within the humanitarian system at greater pace and scale is the purpose of the Anticipation Hub. The Anticipation Hub supports Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, UN agencies, NGOs, governments, research institutes and other actors of the anticipation community in reshaping the future of the humanitarian system - moving from reaction to anticipation.

Key Anticipation Hub activities

The Anticipation Hub seeks to engage practitioners, scientists and policymakers. Key Anticipation Hub activities will center around providing technical support and advice, enhancing innovation, learning and exchange, and promoting lasting change through sustained policy and advocacy efforts:



Technical support and advice

- Provide information, training, tools and expertise to the membership of 193 National Societies, and the humanitarian system at large,
- Foster the integration of FbF within preparedness and response activities in the humanitarian sector, e.g. support Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies develop Early Action Protocols.

Innovation, learning and exchange

- Maintain a platform for dialogue among actors throughout the year, connecting regional and global dialogue platform events,
- Explore anticipatory approaches to new hazards such as conflicts, epidemics and population movement,
- Systematize documentation, use and sharing of evidence on anticipatory approaches, good practices and lessons learned to scale up National Societies' and partners' capacity to act early,
- Nurture the early action community of practice by supporting existing practitioner networks, Technical Working Groups and Dialogue Platforms on anticipatory humanitarian action

Policy and advocacy

- Sustain advocacy for the integration of anticipation into national and sub-national policies, strategies and plans,
- Support alignment and coherence with global frameworks and disaster risk financing approaches.

An online platform by the community for the community

The Anticipation Hub will be set up as a collaborative online platform sustained by a global network of practitioners, policymakers, thematic experts and scientists. The online platform will feature webinars, guidance material, tools, case studies, a twitter channel, and other collaborative tools. Moreover, it aims to facilitate peer-to-peer exchange to disseminate and build-up knowledge around anticipatory humanitarian action, building on the 'Regional and Global Dialogue Platforms'. The 'Regional and Global Dialogue Platforms' have been key to establishment of a community of practice and, yet, they have never been long enough to gather, present and discuss all the knowledge and experience existing in this fast-developing field. The Anticipation Hub allows the community of practice to continue these discussions in the virtual space.

Join the global anticipation community

The Anticipation Hub will be operated by the German Red Cross in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Red Cross Red/Crescent Climate Centre (RCCC) and with financial support of the German Federal Foreign Office.

If you are interested in joining or contributing to the Anticipation Hub by, for instance, providing material on specific topics, conducting trainings or workshops, sharing research or expertise etc., please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We would be delighted to have you with us in shaping the future of the humanitarian system.

GRC and partners are currently in the Anticipation Hub's **Scoping Study phase** (February – April 2020), followed by the **Design Phase** (April-July 2020) and an expected **late summer launch**.

**Do you want to join the Anticipation Hub? Or contribute to the ongoing scoping study?
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